

- (v) Khadi or village industries,
- (vi) any activity relatable to the sovereign functions of the Government including defence, research, atomic energy and space,
- (vii) any domestic service,
- (viii) any activity being a profession or any activity practised by an individual or body of individuals or cooperative society or a club if the number of persons employed in relation to such profession or activity or body of individuals is less than ten.

2. To make the above definition of the term 'industry' effective, it was necessary to provide an alternative statutory mechanism for redressal of grievances of workers excluded from the purview of the Industrial Disputes Act. The Hospitals and Other Institutions (Redressal of Grievances of Employees) Bill, 1987 was accordingly introduced in this background. The Bill, however, lapsed with the dissolution of the then Lok Sabha. The matter was considered subsequently in the Indian Labour Conference held in April, 1990 which inter-alia recommended the constitution of a bipartite committee under the chairmanship of Shri G. Ramanujam to suggest the salient features of a new industrial relations law. The report of the Committee was not unanimous on a number of important issues including the question of the definition of the term 'industry'. The matter was recently placed in the 40th Conference of State Labour Ministers which decided to constitute a Group of Labour Ministers of the States of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal under the Chairmanship of Shri P.A. Sangma, Minister of State to go into various contentious issues and make

recommendations. For consideration in the next Indian Labour Conference.

[Translation]

Public Sector Undertakings in Bihar

*325. SHRI RAM TAHAL CH-
 OUDHARY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be
 pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have conducted any enquiry regarding the public sector units in Bihar which are not functioning satisfactorily for the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to improve the functioning of these units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
 MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K.
 THUNGON): (a) and (b). 4 out of 15 Central
 Public Sector Enterprises having their regis-
 tered offices in the State of Bihar have suf-
 fered losses continuously for the last three
 years. These are:

1. Bharat Refractories Ltd.
2. Engineering Projects (India) Ltd.
3. Projects & Development India Ltd.
4. Ranchi Ashok Bihar Hotel Corpn. Ltd.

(c) Enterprises specific action is being taken by the concerned administrative Min-
 istry/ Department and the management to
 improve the working of these units

Cheating of People by Private Builders

3478. SHRI BARE LAL JATAV: Will the
 Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be
 pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the press news regarding cheating of people by private builders and state;

(b) whether the Government have conducted any enquiry in this regard; if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken against the guilty persons; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). An enquiry has been conducted by the Delhi Police and two cases have been registered against the promoter M/s. Tirupati Builders/Associates and three persons have been arrested in this connection. The investigation of the case is in progress.

[English]

Land Deal by NDMC

3479. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been invited to news-item captioned "N.D.M.C. in dubious land deal" appearing in 'The Statesman' dated January 26, 1992;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) whether the C.B.I. raided the Office of the New Delhi Municipal Committee also recently and seized papers regarding allot-

ment of flats and other such matters;

(e) the outcome of the investigation made and action taken against the concerned officers; and

(f) the action taken to prevent such irregularities taking place in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c). Statement is enclosed.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) and (f). In view of reply to part (d) question does not arise.

The N.D.M.C. has reported that they are covering the Kushak Nallah between Railway Bridge near Brig. Hoshiair Singh Marg and Aurobindo Marg to improve the environment and to provide better sanitation. As a part of this scheme, 300 Mtrs. length of nallah near Aurobindo Marg has already been covered and as a result thereof, about 6.96 acres of land has become available. In order to prevent its encroachment it is necessary that this property is fenced and developed. The Chairman, DTTDC, offered to collaborate with NDMC for a joint NDMC-DTTDC venture by way of 'Settling up of a Food & Craft Bazar' in this stretch. They also offered to provide structure as per the operational requirement and develop the area suitably. The area will be also suitably land-scaped. They also offered to pay a sum of Rs. one lakh yearly as licence fee and 50% of net revenue earned from this project. This offer was considered and found to be reasonable in view of the fact that not only the area will be properly utilised but also no expenditure shall leave to be incurred by NDMC for its development.

There is prima facie no reason for the govt. to interfere in the decision of the NDMC.